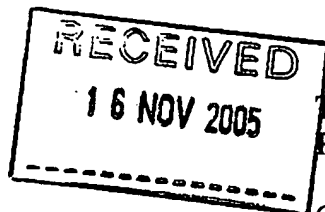


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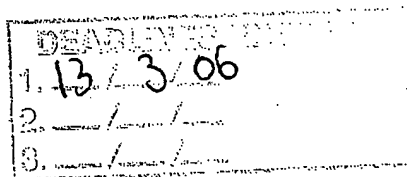
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Dear Sirs



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Combined Search and Examination Report under Sections 17 and 18(3)

Latest date for reply:

13 March 2006

I enclose two copies of my search and examination report and a copy of the citations.

By the above date you should either file amendments to meet the objections in the report or make observations on them. If you do not, the application may be refused.

Publication

I estimate that, provided you have met all the formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after **13 December 2005**. At this time you will receive a letter confirming the exact date when the preparations for publication will be completed. This letter will also tell you the publication number and date of publication of your application.

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Claims searched: 1-5

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1	DE 10065966 A1 (SAB SERVICE) See Figure 1
X	1	US 6349671 B1 (LEWIS et al) See column 6 line 49 - column 7 line 6; column 12 lines 55-60; Figs 7, 8
X	1	US 5177900 A (SOLOWIEJ) See column 4 lines 13 - 19 and Figure 7

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Field of Search:

Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^X :

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Allowance of the divisional date

1. Your request that this application be treated as having been filed on 19 September 2002, which is the same date of filing as your earlier application number GB0221771.9, has been allowed.

Inventive step (section 1(1)(b))

2. The invention as defined in claim 1 is obvious in view of what has already been disclosed in the following documents:

DE 10065966 A1 (SAB SERVICE)
US 5177900 A (SOLOWIEJ)
US 6349671 B1 (LEWIS)

3. DE '966 and US '900 both disclose a pet door which is opened automatically on receiving a signal from a transmitter located on the collar of the pet. Although not the preferred mode of operation, both documents mention that infrared radiation could be employed.

4. US '671 discloses a pet feeding system whereby a cover is moved automatically when a signal is received from a tag worn on the collar of a pet (column 6 line 49 – column 7 line 6). Preferably a radio frequency signal is employed but infrared radiation may be substituted instead (see column 12 lines 55-60).

5. Claim 1 of your application specifies a key *for* a pet door which must be interpreted as any key *suitable for* this purpose with the features specified. All 3 cited documents disclose a transmitter, which may be infrared, located in a key adapted to be fitted to a pet collar. In DE '966 and US '900 the key is specifically for a pet door. In US '671 the key appears *suitable* for such a purpose. In US '671 a source of power in the form of a battery contained in the tag is specifically mentioned (column 6 lines 65-67); it seems likely that the relevant skilled person would provide a source of power in the key. Although none of the documents disclose a control circuit or transparent window, again it seems likely that the relevant skilled person would include these features.

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6. Therefore, it appears that the relevant skilled person with knowledge of the cited documents would find it obvious to arrive at what is claimed in claim 1.

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